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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA COOL TO KOSOVO INDEPENDENCE

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11. (SBU) Ambassador spoke with State Minister Tekeda Alemu February 12, 2008 on the anticipated independence of Kosovo. Tekeda replied that Ethiopia has not given great thought to this issue, but would be hesitant to make any statement for or against this pronouncement. Tekeda opined that the Serbs would bitterly oppose this move and asked the nature of the actions they may take, which could possibly include a violent reaction. Tekeda stated that there are too many unknowns for Ethiopia to make any decision, and that for now they will not make any statement nor take any stance.  
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